

## City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2006 Held at the COMF

Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Janet Schofield, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Bruce Alleyne and Liz Odell, Candace White Bouchard, John Mercier

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Chip Chesley and Doug Woodward

Meeting was called to order by Candace (Chair) at 5 pm

**Kimball Park:** Nancy Berliner from Groundwork Concord introduced herself and reviewed the plans for improvements at Kimball Park. There is approximately \$8,600 from the FY 2005 CIP budget and \$50,000 in the FY 2006 CIP Budget. She reviewed the Master Plan for Kimball Park. The committee members shared their priorities. Parking lot and sidewalk improvements were first on the list. Nancy also mentioned she is going to talk with Lincoln Financial to see if they would be willing to make a donation to the plan. Nancy mentioned she would also like to address the retaining wall in the park. Counselor Nyhan stated he thought the wall was scheduled to be done spring on this year by CDD. Both Chip and Doug did not know the status of this project. Chip said he will look into this and report back.

**Terrill Park:** Nancy from Groundwork Concord reviewed the site plan for Terrill Park. She is proposing re-designing the master plan to allow for a layered plan to show different stage of the improvement plan. Two major changes to the existing plan will be: removing on the boat house facilities and adding the dog park. She plans to report back in September with an updated plan for the park.

**Newton Ave Traffic Concern:** Candace introduced Garret Mapes who wrote an email to the City Manager regarding traffic concerns. Mr. Garrett Mapes addressed the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee on behalf of his parents regarding pedestrian safety on Newton Ave. Roland and Barbara Mapes live at 13 Newton Ave. and are worried about the speed of vehicles entering and leaving the park. Newton Ave. does not have sidewalks and is a short straight street that leads to the Keach Park parking lot. The committee understood the concern and agreed to pass along Garrett Mapes email to the Traffic Operations Committee.

**White Park Project:** Doug Woodward did not know status of project or timeline for starting. His best bet would be spring of 2007. The Community Development Department (CDD) is in charge of this project.

**Heights Community Center Project – Phase 2:** The next phase of the project will begin as soon as the City Manager nominates members to the committee. Members discussed their frustration and concern about how long it is taking to start Phase 2. Several mentioned they heard that the Boys and Girls Club is proceeding without the city in trying to find a better location to their Heights Location. Bruce asked if the City has talked with anyone from the Club to keep them posted on why the City has been slow with starting Phase 2. No one had the answer. John asked if the City has talked with the Board of Directors of the Senior Center regarding the City taking over the building and then adding a gym. At this time staff did not think there was any talk going on between the City and Senior Center. Members thought the City Manager should formally discuss this possibility.

**Sub Committee to look at new revenue sources for the department:** John Mercier agreed to follow up on the Manchester fishing Derby held on the city's water supply. We will create a meeting schedule for

this sub committee before the next RPAC meeting in September. Beside Candy and David there was no sub committee members present.

Our next meeting will be in September (No August meeting)

Meeting adjured at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by;

David Gill  
Recreation Supervisor